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SUBJECT: INDIA WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AFGHAN ELECTIONS, DETAILS  
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¶1. (SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarche on "Elections in Afghanistan" to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Deputy Secretary (Pakistan Afghanistan, and Iran), Piyush Shrivastava on October 14. Shrivastava assured PolOff that India would contribute to the Afghan elections, but was vague about whether the contribution would be a monetary one. When pressed about whether India would make a financial contribution and if so, whether it would be new money or come from the already pledged \$1.2 billion amount, Shrivastava said MEA had not decided such specifics as yet.

¶2. (SBU) In a separate meeting on October 20, Joint Secretary (Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran) M.S. Raghavan mentioned to Staffdel Oostburg that India planned to contribute technical expertise to the Afghan elections, but did not make any mention of a financial contribution.  
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